

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2883 - HB 2818**

February 3, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a local school system that possesses an average variance of 5% or more, over a three-year period, between its systemwide student dropout rate and its systemwide African-American dropout rate, if such local school system has an enrollment of African-American students in excess of 100, to develop a reasonable plan to reduce such variance to less than 5%.

Under current law, the development of a plan is optional on the part of the local school system.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

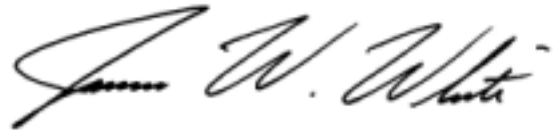
#### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Assumes that the development of a plan and the submission of a progress report to the Commissioner of Education can be handled by existing school personnel and will be absorbed within the local school budget with no significant increase in costs.

The actual cost of implementation of such a plan will be dependent upon what course of action is taken by the local school system to reduce such variance. Such cost cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director